

# Improved operator capability for metal manufacturer

## SUMMARY

A Western Cape metal manufacturing company, *Fabrinox*, has reported increases in key performance areas, thanks to the training of its operators. *Fabrinox* offers complete manufacturing solutions in stainless steel, mild steel and aluminium. The company has reported an increase in job opportunities, higher production output with the same capacity and improved turnaround times and improved turnover.

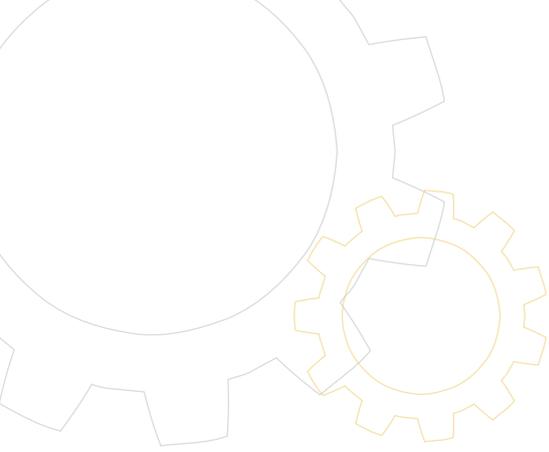


## Fabrinox (Pty) Ltd

Fabrinox offers complete manufacturing solutions in stainless steel, mild steel and aluminium. This includes batch manufacturing, customised components, project management, technical advice, along with manufacturing design and documentation within an ISO 9001 accredited environment.

The company serves the agricultural, food and beverage, architectural, building, construction and various other industries. The company is also experienced in and has approval (from the French firm AREVA) to do nuclear-related work

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## Niche offering

Fabrinox manufactures sheet metal components and sub-assembly with services such as laser cutting, bending, welding and stainless steel polishing.

## Technology Assistance Package (TAP)

Through the TAP, Fabrinox has been able to improve operator capability through training, which has had a direct result in operating efficiency of machinery. This was achieved by sending key personnel for advanced programming and machine operator training at Trumpf in Germany.

## Outcomes and impact

Following this technology intervention, Fabrinox has reported a significant increase in the number of permanent job opportunities, as well as an increase in the number of temporary employment opportunities. The company's employment equity has been boosted through its newfound ability to employ people with the appropriate profile in terms of BEE employment, particularly female employees.

The company has achieved higher output with the same capacity as a result of the improved turnaround time by skilled operators. This has improved turnover, and improved efficiency is expected to grow the bottom line for the company.



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